

EC-6676. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to The Ministry of Defense of the State of Kuwait; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6677. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Government of Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6678. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Norway for the production of the Evolved Sea Sparrow (ESSM) program rocket motor operated by NATO; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6679. A communication from the Ambassador at Large, Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of a correction in the Department's annual report entitled, "Country Reports on Terrorism 2007"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6680. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system, including recommendations for financing changes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6681. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling: Health Claims; Dietary Noncariogenic Carbohydrate Sweeteners and Dental Caries" (Docket No. FDA-2006-P-0404) received on June 13, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6682. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-Up covering the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6683. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6684. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6685. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period ending March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6686. A communication from the Director, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semi-

annual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment and with a preamble:

S.J. Res. 38. A joint resolution waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of a Deputy United States Trade Representative.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

Eric M. Thorson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

\*Richard T. Morrison, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

\*David Gustafson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

\*Elizabeth Crewson Paris, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

\*Edwin Eck, of Montana, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2008.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER)):

S. 3145. A bill to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the "Timothy J. Russert Highway"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 3146. A bill to authorize the exploration of oil and natural gas in coastal areas to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign energy sources, and to reduce gasoline and natural gas prices; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 3147. A bill to authorize the State of Virginia to petition for authorization to conduct natural gas exploration and drilling activities in the coastal zone of the State; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 3148. A bill to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 3149. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to add certain segments to the Rogue River designation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 3150. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation or the Administrator of Federal Aviation Administration from conducting auctions, implementing congestion pricing, limiting airport operations, or charging certain use fees at airports; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 3151. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to priority review vouchers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 3152. A bill to provide for a comprehensive study by the National Research Council of the National Academies to assess the water management, needs, and conservation of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 3153. A bill to amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978, to require the Council to establish a single telephone number that consumers with complaints or inquiries could call and be routed to the appropriate Federal banking agency or State bank supervisor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 3154. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to prescribe a standard to preclude commercials from being broadcast at louder volumes than the program material they accompany; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 3155. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 3156. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to prescribe a standard to preclude commercials from being broadcast at louder volumes than the program material they accompany; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 3157. A bill to provide for the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest System land and other land in southeast Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Con. Res. 91. A concurrent resolution honoring Army Specialist Monica L. Brown, of Lake Jackson, Texas, extending gratitude to her and her family, and pledging continuing support for the men and women of the United States Armed Forces; considered and agreed to.